
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM, established a quorum and all joined in the flag salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Mike Foth	Tyler Wells, Building Official
Nattalie Cariker	Kevin Bowling, Fire Chief
Barry Freel	Dan Christensen, Police Chief
Steve Clark	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director
Meyer Louie	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager/Outreach Specialist
	Jeremy Patrick, Fire Chief (in training)

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Gagné asked if there were any members of the audience who are not on the agenda that would like to be heard. Brent Timm General Manager of TranGO asked to address Council. Mayor Gagné will add him to the end of the agenda under new business.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Appointment & Oath of Office – Jeremy Patrick, Fire Chief

Mayor Gagné issued the Oath of Office to Jeremy Patrick. Mr. Patrick will take the position of Omak Fire Chief on April 1, 2023. He has been training alongside Fire Chief Kevin Bowling throughout the month of March.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the March 6, 2023, meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 108702-108768 (Check No. 108739 voided) in the amount of \$488,754.78; 2023 February manual checks numbered 108464, 108465, 108537-108539 and 108544 in the amount of \$2,582.58. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

The Zoom Meeting was disrupted by a "Zoombombing incident". At 7:05pm, the City Administrator informed those on Zoom they were ending the Zoom portion of the meeting and those virtual attendees could come to City Hall at 2 N. Ash to attend the meeting. The Zoom meeting was then ended.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 32-2023 – Approve Gray & Osborne Supplemental Agreement No. – Fifth Avenue Sidewalk Construction

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve Resolution 32-2023. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council the Fifth Avenue project is ready to construct. This supplemental agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc. is for construction services on this project. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 33-2023 – Approve Emergency repair of backup Generator

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 33-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council that emergency repairs were made to the back up generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The control board was out and the repair costs were \$8,773.57. Member Freel asked if this was the rebuilt generator and Mr. Beetchenow confirmed that it was. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 34-2023 – Approve Purchase of a Truck Chassis through Washington State Purchasing Co-Op

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 34-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council the truck purchase would replace vehicle no. 120, a 1988 Peterbilt truck.

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This purchase will be made through the Washington State procurement cooperative. The purchase will total \$215,542. Member Womack asked what the truck would be used for. Mr. Beetchenow said it was a snowplow truck. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 35-2023 – Approve Purchase of a Truck Chassis through Washington State Purchasing Co-Op

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 35-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council the truck purchase would replace vehicle no. 106 a 1988 Peterbilt truck and a 1994 Peterbilt water truck. This purchase will be made through the Washington State procurement cooperative. The purchase will total \$316,613. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 36-2023 – Approve Sole Source Purchase of Clarifier Parts

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 36-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council the purchase is for shaft for the clarifier. Parts for the clarifier were purchased in purchased in 2022 and, the shaft was missing in the initial order. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council they thought the city would take delivery of the clarifier parts by end of year so, the expenditure was not included in the 2023 budget. City Administrator McDaniel will be preparing a budget amendment for City Council to recognize the purchase in 2024. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 37-2023 – Approve the Repairs of Fleet Vehicle No. 400

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Freel, to approve Resolution 37-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council the Code Enforcement truck was taken to a local dealership for diagnosis repairs. They found major motor work needed done. The repairs were made, and a two-year warranty was purchased. Member Womack asked the age of the truck. Member Gaines said it is a 2014 and it's scheduled to be replaced in 2025. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 38-2023 – Approve Interlocal Agreement with Okanogan County for Solid Waste

Disposal

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 38-2023. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council that a commercial customer would like to divert their trash to a different facility. An Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Okanogan County and Okanogan County requires solid waste to be disposed of at the County Landfill to ensure the facility remains viable. City Administrator McDaniel has been working with City Attorney Howe, Dion Gotti, Owner of Sunrise Disposal, Kent at the County Landfill and the customer to make this work. This amendment will allow solid waste to be diverted with a surcharge demand of twenty five percent of the Okanogan rate for tipping fees on the tonnage that is diverted. This surcharge will be passed along to the customer. The company has a national plan to have zero waste and they are unable to do that in Okanogan County. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Ordinance No. 1922 – Amend Chapter 8.12 of the Omak Municipal Code – Solid Waste

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Ordinance 1922. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council this is a change to the Omak Municipal Code to allow diversion of solid waste by city approved agreement and the contract hauler and the customer. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Brent Timm General Manager of TranGO

Mr. Timm was in attendance to inform Council about the process for TranGO complaints. Recently they received a complaint from a local business. As a result of viewing bus cameras, the complaint was unfounded. All complaints should be forwarded to Okanogan County Transit Authority (OCTA) as they are open to all concerns and will investigate. Mr. Timm also informed Council that OCTA received four new buses that will allow service expansion. Mayor Gagné asked about shelters for bus stops. Mr. Timm explained they are waiting on concrete calculations from the engineer. Building Official Wells confirmed that he is waiting for foundation details and then he can issue permits. Mr. Timm is also working on a franchise agreement between the City of Omak and OCTA for the shelters. Council should be seeing the agreement on a future agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

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Building Official Wells said this was Kevin's last Council Meeting and he thanked him for being a constant professional. He has been a great asset and provided Mr. Wells with great advice and great service to the City of Omak. Mr. Wells is looking forward to working with Jeremy Patrick.

Fire Chief Bowling said Mr. Patrick is trained up and it should be a smooth transition.

Police Chief Christensen informed the Council they should have his monthly update. He has also ordered some signage that encourages donations versus giving to panhandlers.

Member Cariker thanked Kevin and hopes he has a great retirement. She welcomed Jeremy Patrick. She also informed Council that she found information on federal grants for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Member Louie attended a Library Board meeting and they were discussing a change to the board meeting day and hours. City Administrator said that he has been corresponding with Alyssa, Omak Branch Librarian about the change. He explained the Library Board Meetings are set by Ordinance and he doesn't recommend a change. Member Louie also mentioned the Library Board had a high water bill this past month and they were concerned. He will talk with Public Works Director Beetchenow after the meeting.

Member Freel congratulated Chief Bowling on a long retirement.

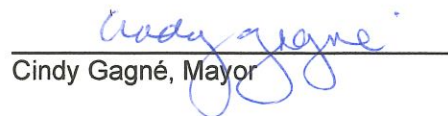
Member Womack to Chief Bowling... Happy Camping.

Member Gaines congratulated Kevin and welcomed Jeremy. She also talked about the 0.1% Criminal Justice Sales Tax and provided Omak Council with dates of the primary and general elections. If Council chooses to move this direction a Resolution will need to be approved prior to one of those dates. Member Gaines is willing to provide basic information about the tax and she hopes that a group is willing to spearhead this tax. City Administrator McDaniel said he will get the Public Safety Committee together to discuss the direction they recommend the Council take.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor